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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/COP

SUBJECT : Proposal for Further Exploitation of Controlled Agent
CAMUSO/3

1. Outlined below is a proposed long-range plan for the further exploitation of CAMUSO/3 for the following purposes in order of their importance:

- a. to place added strain upon the Soviet mechanism in Latvia, Poland, and possibly Eastern Germany.
- b. to divert attention from our current attempts to exfiltrate CAMBARO/2, CAMUSO/2, and ☐ ☐.
- c. to increase CAMUSO/3's seeming importance to us.

Inasmuch as a notional operational situation will be created in Poland--and inasmuch as this situation may well cause the RIS to intensify their security in that area--the pertinent portions of this plan, if approved, will be coordinated with the Polish desk of the EE Division.

2. The following background information may be pertinent in order to understand the proposed plan more completely:

- a. CAMUSO/3 is a native of the Daugavpils area of Latvia, the southern part of which borders on Poland. For centuries, this area was noted for its close ties with Poland. In times of common danger, such as the periods of Russian, German or Swedish occupation, the traditional friendship of the two peoples took the form of close cooperation and collaboration.
- b. Prior to dispatch, CAMUSO/3 was entrusted with the mission of contacting the Catholic underground in the Latgale area and was informed that this underground possibly had connections with some Polish resistance elements, a fact which CAMUSO/3 revealed he had long suspected.
- c. Another factor of importance is CAMUSO/3's statement that a portion of the funds--presumably including Polish Zlotys--was not damaged as a result of having been cached through the winter of 1952-1953.

3. The following is a step-by-step breakdown of the operation as envisaged at the present time:

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SR/2/Latvian

CAMUSO/3

1. Unilateral operation by CIA
2. Latvian SSR
3. Adversary Service: RIS

Our target - Latvian SSR, establish contacts with resistance movement. Agent was equipped with a W/T set.

4. The agent, CAMUSO/3, is 40 years old (born 1916); of Latvian (half-Russian) nationality; lower middle class; attended elementary school and trade school (mechanic) in Latvia; has held various jobs as miller, dock worker, policeman; no political affiliations; religion - Lutheran; Latvian patriot and ardent anti-Communist (hates the Communists because they nationalized his mill).
5. The agent was recruited by CIA and dispatched on a mission to Latvia in August 1952; we have no definite proof that he was recruited by RIS.
6. The agent was dropped by parachute into the Latvian SSR in August 1952. He was believed to be controlled by the RIS since his first W/T message was received, in April 1953, because of the fact that his indicators showed control. However, there has been considerable doubt whether the agent actually is under RIS control, as the possibility exists that he is simply confused as to the use of his control indicators. During the past 4 years, 48 W/T messages have been received from the agent and 41 messages have been transmitted to him. Some requirements have been sent to the agent and he has sent us some positive intelligence over a period of several years; most of the information was believed to be possibly or probably true, but was not considered of major importance. The agent has also informed us that he was able to purchase legal documents (passport and VB) and has given us a description of these documents. An analysis of the document information showed that it contained some true and/or possibly true statements, but that in some respects the report was questionable. There have been no particular highlights in the course of communicating with this agent. His last message was received in December 1956.
7. Objectives: To obtain a maximum amount of information from the agent; to attempt to keep him alive by continuing to run the operation as though we assumed that the agent were clean.

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8. Problems: Difficulty of establishing whether agent is actually controlled.
9. Achievements: No major achievements to date.
10. Prospects: ---

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